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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, the period for response being extended by the attached two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

(w) A Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, with proposed changes to Figs. 1, 3 and 15 highlighted in red is submitted.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraphs as indicated.

Page 4, line 13. A marked-up copy of the specification is attached.

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To attain the object, the invention provides a carrier mechanism having accommodating means and carrier means, for carrying out positioning between the accommodating means and the carrier means, to thereby insert an object carried from the carrier means in to the accommodating means, or take the object accommodated in the accommodating means, out of the accommodating means to the carrier means, the carrier mechanism comprising driving means for moving the carrier means, and control means operable when the carrier means is moved to a desired position in one direction, for